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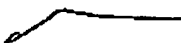
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed July 19, 2006, Applicant elects to prosecute with traverse Invention I, claims 1-18, and 26 drawn to a method of combining signals from a digital transmitter and an analog transmitter to produce a HD radio signal, classified in class 455, subclass 142.

Based on the restriction requirement, Applicant lists inventions readable thereon as follows:

Invention I: Claims 1-18, and 26 drawn to a method of combining signals from a digital transmitter and an analog transmitter to produce a HD radio signal, classified in class 455, subclass 142

Invention II: Claims 19-21, drawn to controlling transmission power output of a first and second transmitter, classified in class 455, subclass 522.

Invention III: Claims 22-25, drawn to a combining an analog output of an initial transmitter to an existing HVAC equipment in an existing building, classified in class 455, subclass 3.02.

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Applicant agrees the subject invention covers three different inventions. However, applicant disagrees with the restriction for other reasons. The Primary Examiner finds separate inventions in the Claims 1-26.

A policy consideration behind a restriction requirement would suggest that separate inventions exists that inherently would include separate prior art searches, examinations, examiners, etc.


Further, multiple examinations on these inventions would be repetitive and excessive. Separate prosecution can create an unnecessary financial burden for both the Applicant and the Patent Office. If all Inventions I-III can be searched by the same art unit and further by the same examiner, then having different examiners conduct separate searches and examinations would create an undue time and financial burden on both the patent office and on the applicant.

For these reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

In reference to the restriction requirement, Applicant again wishes to make their election to prosecute the Invention I, claims 1-18, and 26 with traverse. If further restrictions are merited, please let us know.

Thus, for the above reasons, the restriction requirement is not proper and Applicant respectfully requests removal of the restriction requirement.

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